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## Citizens protest plans for OK of injection wells

Pam Fleming  
Staff writer

Area residents came out in force to speak out against hazardous waste being placed in underground injection wells in Romulus at a public hearing scheduled last week by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

About 375 people attended the hearing, according to Romulus Police and Phillipa Cannon, EPA spokesperson.

The hearing was scheduled after the EPA proposed to grant Environmental Disposal Systems Inc. (EDS), of Birmingham an exemption from federal restrictions on land disposal of hazardous waste for two commercial injection wells in Romulus.

If the exemption is granted, EDS may use the wells to dispose of regulated liquid hazardous waste.

The EPA will accept public comments on the proposal until Jan. 22, 2003. The EPA will publish comments from the hearing and will make a decision on the EDS exemption in the near future.

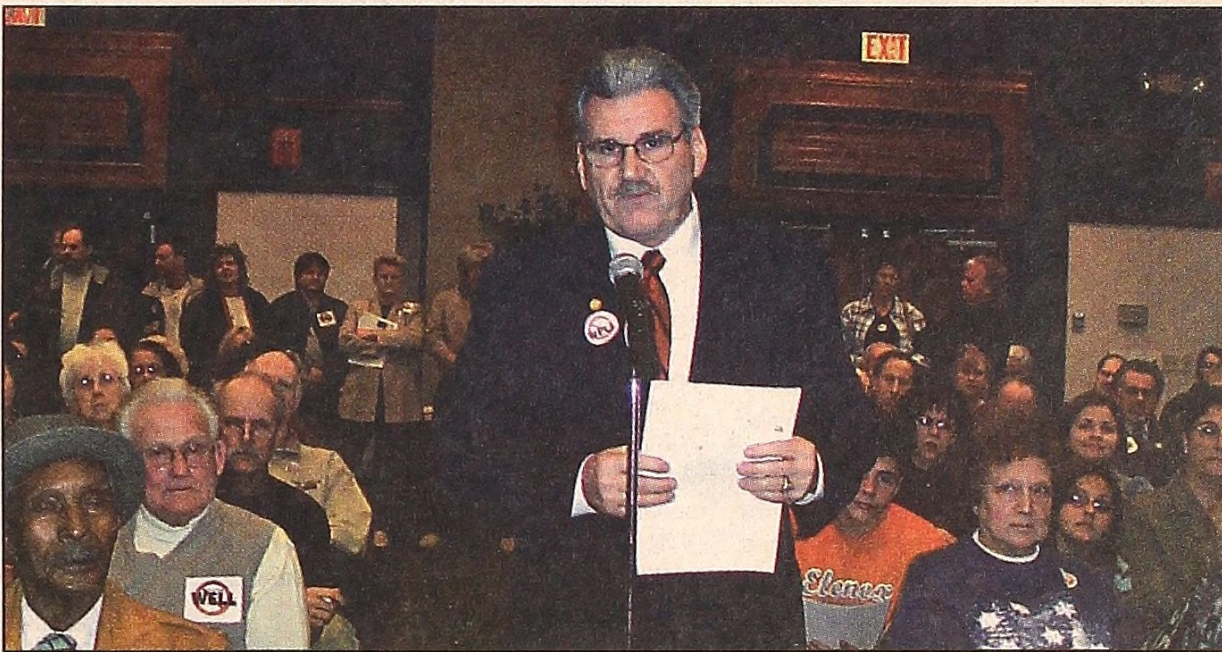
An EPA fact sheet distributed the night of the hearing stated the EPA intends to allow Environmental Disposal Systems Inc. of Birmingham to inject hazardous wastes into two deep injection wells. The wells are at 28470 Cintrin Drive in Romulus. The company did extensive tests on the wells and the underground rock formations, according to the literature.

"The hazardous wastes could include heavy metals such as mercury, chromium and nickel as well as solvents and acids," according to the EPA.

"Injecting wastes deep underground is a proven way of disposal. Companies applying for an exemption to the ban on land disposal of hazardous wastes have to meet a tough standard," the sheet said.

"Among other things, EDS tested its wells, examined the rocks, liquid and forces underground; and obtained information about other wells in the area. EDS showed the wastes should stay confined three-quarters of a mile underground for at least 10,000 years.

"So EPA plans to issue an



State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) was one of about 40 area residents who spoke out against the Environmental Protection Agency proposal to allow Environmental Disposal Systems Inc. of Birmingham to inject hazardous wastes into two deep injection wells in Romulus. About 375 people attended the EPA public hearing. Photo by Pam Fleming

exemption for the two wells," the EPA said.

Residents from across the metropolitan area, including members of the Sierra Club and the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor, came to protest the proposed exemption.

"I'm committed to doing

everything I can to prevent this project which poses many unique risks to our environment," said State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor). He cited problems with past injection wells and the proximity of EDS wells to Sun Pipeline underground wells.

Basham said he fears the EDS well contents will migrate to the Sun Pipeline wells, causing damage to them that could affect the "health and safety of their workers and residents in surrounding communities. I strongly urge the

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## District court judge retires after 13 years on the bench

Pam Fleming  
Staff writer

Judge William J. Szlinis, of Belleville, who ruled on cases in the 34th District Court in Romulus for more than 13 years, is enjoying his recent retirement but will still work part-time as a visiting judge at various courts throughout the state.

"I can serve anywhere in the state of Michigan," he said. He already sat as a visiting judge last week at the 34th District Court and will be back on the bench Jan. 21 and 22 at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

The 72-year-old judge was forced to retire this month since he completed his last six-year term in 2002 and is not eligible for reelection due to constitutional age restrictions. Judges are not allowed to seek election after age 70.

Born in Redford, Szlinis moved to Westland when he married the former Ann Muscatell, a retired nurse, whom he met by chance.

"She was a nurse at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit when my mother was in the hospital," he recalled.

The couple moved to Belleville in 1969 and have a

daughter, Marianne Angers, and two sons—Bill Jr., who works for National City Bank, and John Francis, who is employed by LKQ D&R Auto Parts, a local firm that deals in recycled auto parts.

He also has three grandsons—Alex, 12; John, 17; and Michael, 18—and a granddaughter, Stephanie, 22.

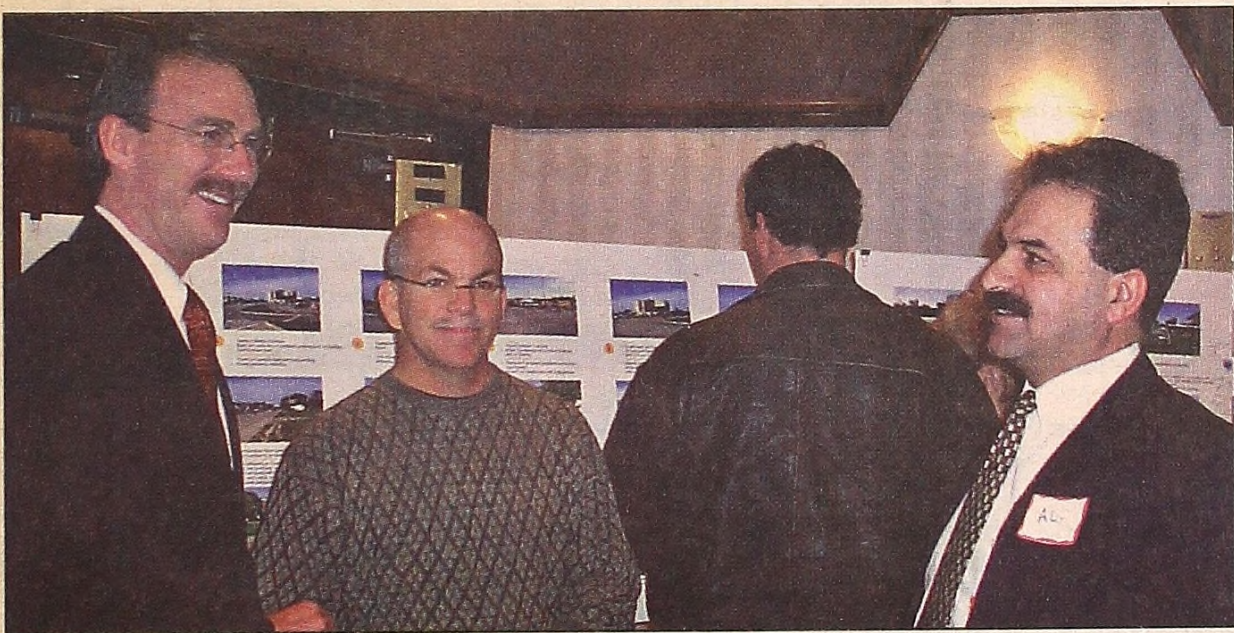
A graduate of Catholic Central High School in Detroit, Szlinis attended the former Detroit Institute of Technology on a football scholarship and graduated from the Detroit College of Law in 1957.

"Back then, if your grade point average was high enough in high school, they'd let you skip your fourth year and go right into law school. So, that's what I did," the judge recalled.

He practiced law for 29 years with attorney Whit Ballantine in Wayne, specializing in criminal, probate, domestic relations and real estate cases.

He ran for Justice of the Peace in Westland in 1959 and lost to a municipal judge. He also lost to Henry Zaborowski when he campaigned for 34th District Court Judge in 1972. Finally, Gov.

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Timothy Keyes, left, economic development director for the City of Romulus, discussed beautification plans for Merriman Road with Randy Metz, center, of Grissim, Metz, Andreise Associates, a Northville landscape architecture firm, and Ali Dib of the Wayne County Department of Airports. Photo by Pam Fleming

## Romulus to spend \$270,000 on road beautification

Pam Fleming  
Staff writer

Business owners along a stretch of Merriman Road near Detroit Metropolitan Airport met with City of Romulus economic development staff members to discuss options for beautifying the commercial corridor.

The city has budgeted \$227,000 this year for the Merriman Road Corridor Beautification Project. Funding was obtained from a Michigan Department of Transportation enhancement grant along with

some matching dollars from the City of Romulus and Wayne County. The corridor stretches from I-94 to Ecorse Road.

Representatives from Grissim, Metz, Andreise Associates of Northville, presented design opportunities for the corridor, which planners hope can someday provide pedestrian walkways and amenities to hotel guests in the area.

The goal of the project is to improve the image of the Merriman Road corridor and entry into Romulus with a distinctive and inviting image of

quality. The hope is that such measures will promote increased economic viability and enhanced property values, planners said.

Randy Metz, a representative from the landscape architecture firm Grissim, Metz, Andreise Associates said that the corridor lacks visual appeal, identity and quality.

The firm suggests adding sidewalks and site furnishings in selected areas. Plantings could provide shade, screen and direct

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# New commissioner anticipates busy term

Scott Spielman  
Editor

Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan (D-Wayne) said he is hoping for a busy term in office representing the communities of Belleville, Canton Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and the City of Wayne.

Sullivan, 32, was elected to his third term in the 11th District of Wayne County in November. He was elected vice-chair of the county commission last week. Jewel Ware (D-Detroit) was voted in as chair of the commission and Robert Blackwell (D-Detroit) was elected vice chair pro-tem.

"With a new county executive and new leadership on the commission, we have a real opportunity to make positive changes in Wayne County," Sullivan said.

Sullivan was re-appointed last week to the chair of the Committee on Public Services, as well. That committee is one of the busiest on the commission, and one the most relevant to western Wayne County, he said. It oversees matters relating to parks and recreation, roads and bridges, environmental issues concerning railroads and rapid transit, building needs and capital improvements of county departments.

"It's one of the biggest deals for western Wayne County," he said. "It takes a lot of time, but I'm looking forward to serving on the committee again."

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**John Sullivan**

Sullivan said he hoped the commission would develop a good working relationship with Bob Ficano, who took over as Wayne County executive in January, replacing Ed McNamara, who held the post for 16 years.

"We've been trying to reach out and to say we want to work together," he said. "Right now he's a little overwhelmed. He needs a little time to get acclimated."

He said there would probably be a slight lag between the time that Ficano appoints his staff and the commission can get to know any new department heads. In large part, the key to better working relationships will depend on the people who fill out department head roles, Sullivan said.

"During the past couple of years, I've established some good working relationships," he said. "With all the turmoil there during the transition, I'm not sure who will stay."

# Woman loses thousands in Canadian Lottery fraud

Scott Spielman  
Editor

A 70-year-old Westland woman was bilked out of more than \$16,000 in an international telephone scam, according to Westland Police reports.

She reported the crime to police on Jan. 9, but the incident actually started on Nov. 4, 2002, according to Westland Police Sgt. Dave Heater.

That's when she was contacted by someone who claimed to represent the Canadian Lottery. They told her that she had won \$2.5 million through the some money was needed to negotiate duty fees, according to Heater.

She sent a check through Federal Express payable to John Baxter at an address in Ontario, Canada, according to Heater. She was contacted three more times in November and again in December, he said. Each time she sent out another check that was made out to a dif-

ferent individual.

"Of course, she never heard from them again," Heater said. "It's a little ludicrous, but that's what happened."

He said police initially thought that the crime occurred through the mail but on follow up the victim said she was contacted by telephone.

"If this had been mail fraud, I would've turned it over to a U.S. postal inspector," Heater said.

Instead, the department contacted the Toronto Police Department, which has a separate fraud division. Officers there indicated that they had heard of the alleged scam before and said they would assign a detective to investigate the incident. Heater said she forwarded copies of the Federal Express receipts to the department.

"Other than that, we can't do anything," Heater said. The perpetrators are in another country. It's out of our jurisdiction."

# Spotlight Players to perform

The Spotlight Players, formerly the Plymouth Theatre Guild, will present *Dial M for Murder* at 8 p.m. beginning Jan. 31 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville.

Other evening performances are scheduled for Feb. 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15. The Feb. 9 performance is a matinee beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults 19 and older and \$7 for those 2 to 18 years of age. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Penniman Deli in Plymouth, Gardenviews in Northville, Evola Music in Canton Township and White Owl in Garden City. Discounts for groups of 15 or more adults

are available by phoning (248) 349-7110.

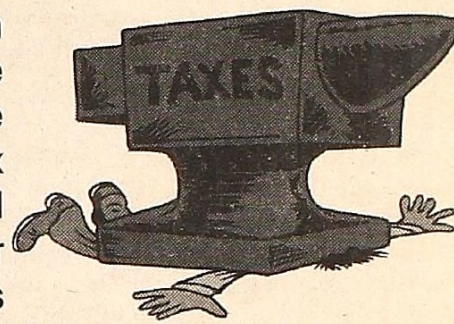
The Water Tower Theatre is located on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital at 41001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville.

Among those participating in the production are Director Ralph Rosati of Wixom, Assistant Director Deb Dolney of Canton Township, Producer Mary Lynn Kuna of Plymouth and Stage Manager Marian Fedewa of Northville.

The cast includes Dennis Hubel of Highland, Jillian Buckshaw of Northville, Jim McNiff of Warren, Steve Sedore of Plymouth and David Fedewa of Northville.

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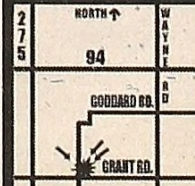


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# Judge - Age restrictions forced retirement

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James Blanchard appointed him as a judge in the 34th District Court in 1989, when Judge Jim Stone was forced to retire due to poor health.

"I'd always wanted to be a judge," he said. He ran unopposed for the position in the 1990 election, then won by only 250 votes against Brian Oakley, son of former Romulus Mayor William Oakley, in 1996.

Szlinis said campaigning against Oakley "was tough" and the race was close. "It was a great experience. I was nervous, but it was exciting," he said.

Reflecting on his career, Szlinis said that he likes being a judge because, "You're in a position where you can make a difference in people's lives—helping people who may have a drinking or drug problem."

He also likes interacting with attorneys in pretrial hearings.

"I've always enjoyed talking to them and working out an amicable settlement, and you usually can. This cuts down on litigants' time spent in court," he said. In fact, Szlinis believes that a trial is the last resort.

One of his more memorable cases as a judge over the years included a preliminary court examination in the early 1990s that involved a young girl who was picked up by two men, doused with gasoline, set on fire and kicked out of a car door. "They were found guilty. It was the first time they allowed cameras in the courtroom," he said.

Another case involved 23 defendants arrested outside of an abortion clinic for trespassing in Romulus.

"It was difficult to keep 23 defendants separate. To the

credit of the Romulus Police Department, they took pictures of each of them to help identify them," Szlinis said.

"What I've tried to do is allow people to have their day in court whether they plead guilty or not guilty and to not be shortchanged by the system," Szlinis said.

He added that it's important to remain humble and not succumb to what he calls black robe syndrome.

"You have to guard against that and learn to exercise restraint," he said.

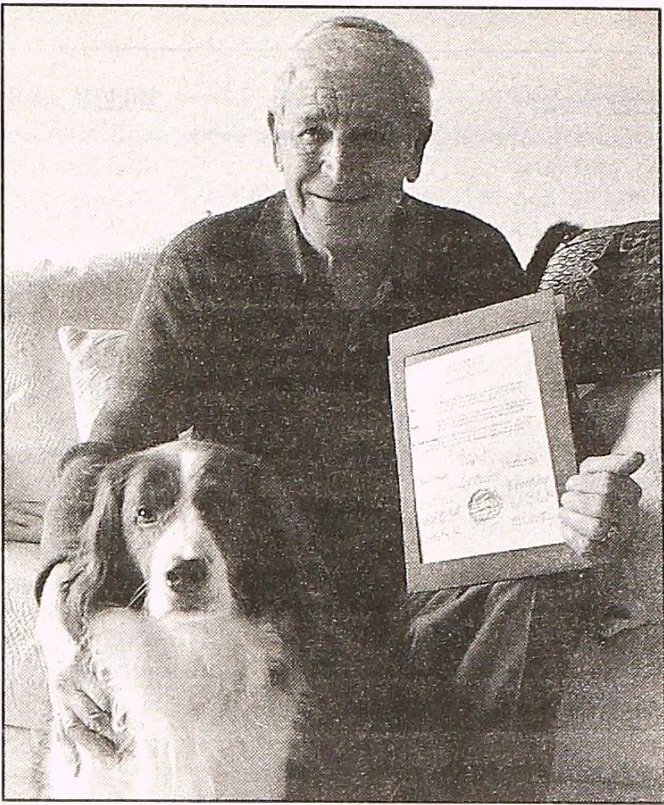
Unfortunately, Szlinis said, one of the realities of being a judge is that you can't please everybody.

"If you please 50 percent of the participants in the court, you're doing well. Somebody's got to lose. Even those who lose, however, should at least be able to say, 'I had my day in court.' If you've done that, you've done your job," he said.

Now that he's home more than on the bench, Szlinis has taken up a hobby he practiced 20 years ago—making stained glass creations—and has already drawn sketches for his kitchen cabinets. "I have to get the design approved by the chairman of the board (his wife, Ann) first, though," he joked.

To be a good judge, Szlinis said, requires knowledge of the law and patience.

"You have to give up being an advocate and allow attorneys to lose cases on their own without your help," he said. He believes that most of the time, the relationships between judges and attorneys are good, "If you allow them to express their opinion without interrupting them," he said.



Judge William J. Szlinis of Belleville, who recently retired from the 34th District Court, holds a resolution that the Romulus City Council recently presented him for his more than 13 years of service. The judge is pictured with the family pet, Billy. Photo by Pam Fleming

Szlinis believes in the U.S. judicial system, especially compared to some other countries'. "It may not be perfect," he said, "but it's the best system in the world."

## Romulus Board of Education names Nieman as new trustee

The Romulus Board of Education selected Niema White to fill the remaining six months of retiring board president Billy McCraight's four-year term. The announcement was made at the Monday night meeting of the board.

White earned a bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University and is employed as a family and community partnership specialist with the Wayne County Head Start program.

She was a founder and has been an active supporter of the Romulus Elementary Parents as Educational Partners (PEP) group. She has also encouraged active parent participation by surveying parents and planning programs.

The most recent example of parental involvement was the

Romulus Elementary School Snowflake Dance in December that featured children and parents dancing together.

White believes that her experience in administering 27 Head Start programs will help her contribute to areas such as improving district programs and test scores, while working within budgetary constraints. She also looks forward to contributing to educational applications of computers, learning systems, the Internet and technology.

White also believes that family comes first, she said, even before education. She works closely with her daughter, Averiana, a third-grader in Pia Chasney's class, and is a co-leader for the Romulus Elementary Brownie Troop.

White said she feels that an



Niema White

effective partnership between school and home can produce the ideal educational environment for children.

White, her husband, Anthony, and daughter were the first residents of the Gateway subdivision in Romulus.

## Wells - Hearing attracts 375

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denial of this exemption. These facilities are not needed and will serve no public good."

State Rep. Kathleen Law (D-Rockwood), who has worked as a research scientist, also spoke out against the exemption. "I will do everything in my power to back State Senator Basham's efforts to derail this EDS hazardous waste well," she said.

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert said, "I am adamantly opposed to this well and have been since day one." Attorneys Neil Silver and Mark Jacobs, representing the City of Romulus, said, "We believe it is premature to grant the exemption due to legal action pending against EDS," Silver said. "We believe the use of these wells will affect citizens' investments, property and even the image of the city."

Harlan Gerrish, geologist and lead petition reviewer for the Underground Injection Control Branch of the EPA, said "We are confident that the demonstration of no migration is scientifically valid. It appears that there is a reasonable degree of certainty that there will be no vertical migration to underground drinking water."

"If we can't demonstrate that there will be no migration (of wastes) we won't approve an exemption," Gerrish said.

Romulus City Council member Debbie Romak, a longtime opponent of the wells, said, "Listen to the thousands who want the EPA to deny EDS their exemption. There are 591 types of hazardous waste that could be injected into these wells. It's time for the EPA to step up to the plate and look at how this will affect our quality of life."

## Beautification - Ideas include sidewalks, lighting, landscaping of Merriman Road

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views, provide visual interest and separate pedestrian from vehicular traffic.

Pedestrian lighting could be added to incorporate a unifying architectural element. Another suggestion was to intensify landscaping at intersections to guide drivers and direct views away from power lines and utilities with plantings.

Signage would also be reviewed, with the goal of adopting standards for the corridor regarding size, placement and addresses.

Metz also recommended making improvements to the median on Merriman Road to simplify the view and add scale, visual appeal and unification. The plan is to develop an overall landscape treatment to visually unify the corridor and screen out

unsightly views with mass plantings.

The firm also advised repairing or replacing pavement and fencing in poor condition, plus adding a city identity sign, promoting an entrance gateway. Finally, landscape accent lighting would be installed to enhance the overall design theme.

Timothy Keyes, economic development director, noted that there are multiple jurisdictions involved in the project, including the City of Romulus and Wayne County.

Utility companies and individual property owners will also have to be briefed on improvements. "Everybody's got to work together to make this happen," Keyes said.

Metz said one of the major goals is to change the view.

"There's too much clutter now. When trying to unify an area,

scale is a big thing. We need to strive to construct things at a more human scale, such as putting in more signs at eye level for drivers," Metz said.

Keyes said that with about 132,000 cars each day driving by the I-94 exit off Merriman Road, the look of the corridor is important to the image of Romulus.

"I commit to you that the City of Romulus will work to clean up this corridor. But we need your help," Keyes said.

"We're working to bring in a convention center. Studies have shown that this area can support a 350,000-square-foot center, according to the Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau," Keyes said.

"You come in and out of this area every day. What would you like to see? What would you like to do?" Keyes asked business owners.

The majority of the businesses along the corridor are hotels.

"I think landscaping and sidewalks would be a big improvement. It's not pedestrian-friendly right now," said Valerie Theisen, director of sales for Hilton Suites at 8600 Wickham Road off Merriman.

Michael Curis of the Big Boy Restaurant on Merriman said he would like to see a walkway and additional lighting. "I think that would give it a more human element," he said.

Keyes would like to see the development of an association for the area.

"We have about 17 hotels in the area, and we need signs that are easy to understand and make finding the hotels quickly," he said.

"We're also trying to develop more restaurants in the area. We have a huge number of people

who eat elsewhere."

The intent of the project is to create more economic opportunities for the business owners in the area, Keyes said.

"We don't have guidelines for this corridor and we want some," Keyes said.

"This corridor is important to us. We want to be vigilant and try to do whatever we can to improve the area."

Ali Dib from the Wayne County Department of Airports, told the audience, "The airport is involved in several projects that will complement this project."

Metz said his firm and Romulus city planners would schedule another meeting with area business owners in the next 30 to 45 days to present more detailed conceptual plans.

Keyes added: "We would like some landscaping done before the snow flies next year."



## Obituaries

### MEYER, Violet F.

Violet F. Meyer, 82, of Romulus, died Jan. 1 at home.

Among her survivors are her son, Lloyd (Susan) Mayer of Romulus; sisters, Esther (Frank) Lloyd of Romulus, Hazel Anderson of Milan, Pearl Copp of Ann Arbor and Shirley Schettler of Belleville; six grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Father John R. Hagan of Trinity Episcopal Church of Belleville officiating.

Interment was in Romulus Cemetery.

### SEDLACEK, Helen Ruth

Helen Ruth Sedlacek, 71, of Clermont, Fla., died Jan. 3.

A former resident of Belleville, she retired as a vice-president of Lady Remington Jewelry Division.

Among her survivors are her husband, George, of Clermont; sons, George Jr. of Negaunee, Mich., Brian of Spring, Tex., Steven of Clermont and James of Plymouth; a brother, John Rumsey of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; a sister, Marylin LeFever of Venice, Fla.; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Services were at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with Father Chris Hoffmann officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Becker Funeral Home in Clermont.

### KRUPA, Edward

Edward Krupa, 83, of Dearborn, died Dec. 25 at Henry Ford Hospital.

A musician, Mr. Krupa is survived by his sister-in-law, Mary Mercatante of Dearborn.

Services were Dec. 28.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

### POWEEL, Willie B.

Willie B. Poweel, 88, of Detroit died Nov. 21 in Detroit.

Funeral services were at East Lake Baptist Church with the Rev. Michael Cunningham officiating. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

### MORGAN, Stella Mae

Stella Mae Morgan, 58, of Belleville, died Jan. 10 at home.

Among her survivors are her husband, William Edward Morgan; her children, William T. Morgan of Canton Township, Stephen Morgan of Detroit and Kimberly (Stacy) Freeman of Romulus; sisters, Annie Darnell-Jones of Detroit, Deloris Coleman of Detroit, Helen Darnell of Wayne; brothers, Roy (Carlos Ann) Darnell of Detroit, Sylvester Darnell of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Anthony Darnell of Detroit, and nine grandchildren.

Services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

### SHEVROVICH, Conrad, E.

Conrad E. Shevrovich, 69, of Belleville, died Jan. 4 at home.

Among his survivors are his wife, Geraldine E. (Minch) Shevrovich of Belleville; children, Jimmy (Dawn) Shevrovich of Belleville, Scott (Cindy) Shevrovich of Belleville, Michael Shevrovich of Romulus, Chris (Bobbie) Shevrovich of Ypsilanti, Connie Shevrovich of Belleville and Gary Shevrovich, also of Belleville; brothers, John Shevrovich of New York, Kenneth (Sheila) Shevrovich of St. John's, Mich. and Dennis (Mary) Shevrovich of Texas; sister, Barbara Outwater of N. Carolina, and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Shevrovich was a member of the Romulus VFW Post and the Belleville Moose Lodge 934.

Services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Daniel A. Greenfield officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery.

### CRAVES, Marie H.

Marie H. Craves, 79, of Belleville died Jan. 10 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Among her survivors are her sister, Virginia (Dorland) Olson of Toledo, Ohio and a nephew, Edward Olson of Lambertville.

Mrs. Craves was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Memorial services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

### ROMSDAHL, Ethelyn L.

Ethelyn L. Romsdahl, 96, of Belleville, died Jan. 5 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Ethelyn retired from the University of Michigan Hospital where she was employed as a Registered Nurse. She was a member of the Belleville First United Methodist Church, the September Days Senior Citizens and the Van Buren Garden Club.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Denton Cemetery in Belleville.

### HILL, Aaron, Jr.

Aaron Hill Jr., 92, of Inkster died Nov. 30 in Garden City.

Among his survivors is his wife of more than 70 years, Nobie; his children, Barbara and Alwyn; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Oscar Carter officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

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## CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Inkster Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, January 27, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road., Inkster, MI 48141 to receive public comments on the proposed Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the Parks and Recreation Director, 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, MI 48141 through 12:00 noon., January 27, 2003. Please reference Recreation Master Plan in all correspondence.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes or printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313) 563-3211.

Terrell Lescene  
Planning Commission Chairperson  
Ron Wolkowicz, Director  
Parks and Recreation

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## CITY OF WAYNE ORDINANCE NO. 2003-01

Motion by McEachern, seconded by Hartford and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2003-01, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

### ORDINANCE NO. 2003-01

#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

#### THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of the City of Wayne be amended and changed to show R-3, MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL where B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS, is now shown, as hereinafter described:

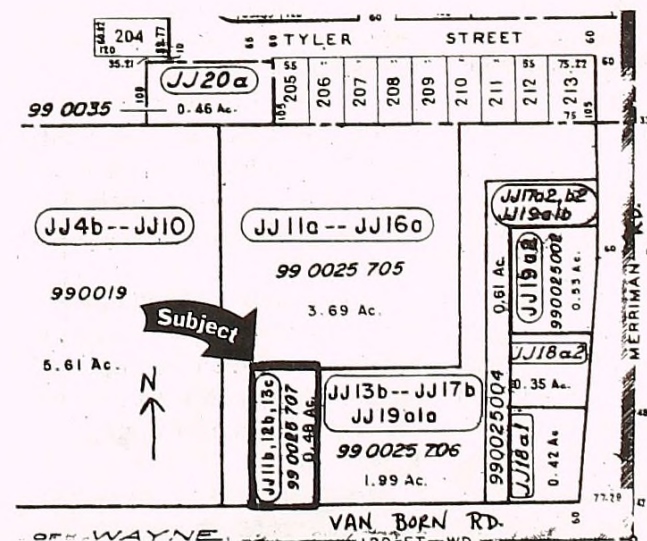
Tax ID#55-024-99-0025-707  
Vacant land located on the north side of Van Born Road

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Adopted: January 7, 2003  
Published: January 16, 2003  
Effective: January 17, 2003

Mary E. Carney  
City Clerk



## CITY OF INKSTER MEETING ABSTRACTS

THE City Council met at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, December 16, 2003. Present: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Kolberg, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks. Absent: Mayor Hampton, CONSENT Calendar items: 12/2R 12/11S and Pension Payroll \$98,143.92 approved. Mayor and Council Concerns. APPROVED: \$10,444.75 to Milton Spokojny; 2003 Regular Council and Orientation meeting dates: a, repair work not to exceed \$3,000.00 to R&R Fire. \$2,320.66 to McKenna Associates; Park-, and Recreation Director and Athletic Supervisor to attend conference; City Manager to attend conference. actuary report for Policeman & Firemen Retirement System month extension for 3658 Springhill; transfer of tax foreclosure properties first reading of AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE CODE AS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF VEHICLES OPERATED UPON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF THE CITY OR ANY OTHER PLACE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR GENERALLY ACCESSIBLE TO MOTOR VEHICLES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE OPERATORS OF SUCH VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF SUCH HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND PLACES WITHIN THE CITY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE, TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTY OF ORDINANCES, INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; ratifying of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Inkster Communication Assistants (MAPE); sale of city owned property to Archcon Mgmt. City Council went into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m., and returned to Open Session at 8:59 p.m.

SPECIAL Meetings were held 12/18 to fill council seat for District III; 12/18 to discuss June 30, 2002 Audit Report and 12/19 to discuss sale of property. MEETINGS adjourned at 8:59, 6:30, 7:35 and 6:57 p.m., respectively. (Full text available upon request).

Mrs. Kimberly Turner  
Inkster City Clerk

Publish: January 16, 2003



# OPINION

## Ideal partners

One of the offshoots from the City of Plymouth goal-setting session Monday night was the renewed interest of city leaders to enter into a partnership with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to transform Central Middle School into a community-wide recreational facility.

Although that is technically not what was said at the meeting, it's what was inferred, and it would be the end result of such a partnership to provide improvements to the school and environs.

It's not a new idea; it resurfaced during the recreation master plan process the City of Plymouth went through two years ago, and it had seeds that dated back even further.

This time, the proposal looks like it will advance beyond the rhetorical stage and into the planning stage: a subcommittee of city commissioners Dan Dwyer, Michele Potter and Phil Pursell and school board members Joanne Lamar, Carol Saunders and Tom Wysocki will soon start meeting to discuss it.

This is really a no-brainer for both sides. The school building is ideally situated for such a proposal, immediately adjacent to the Plymouth Cultural Center, which sits on district-owned land leased back to the city. The name of the school isn't a coincidence, either. It's centrally located in the Plymouth community.

A partnership between the two entities could easily be expanded to include Plymouth Township and provide the recreational opportunities that all residents would enjoy, and for which township leaders are sometimes reluctant to pay.

As a role model, it could provide an excellent example of a way to meet the needs of residents while working with a shrinking budget. City, township and school officials are all tightening their belts, and extra services like recreation tend to go before essential ones like police and fire.

The marriage between the schools and the local governments is a natural one, as evidenced in Northville, where the parks and recreation department and the school district have partnered for first-class recreational space and senior services with reduced cost to both.

The idea of partnering with the schools has always been met with enthusiasm, but it has so far lacked the extra push to get it off the drawing board. Hopefully, the recent installation of Jim Ryan as superintendent of schools will provide that push, and the subcommittee will embrace it.

## Cooperation is crucial

At a time when city leaders throughout the state are beginning their budget planning with a wary, concerned eye, officials in the city of Plymouth may provide an excellent role model for them to follow.

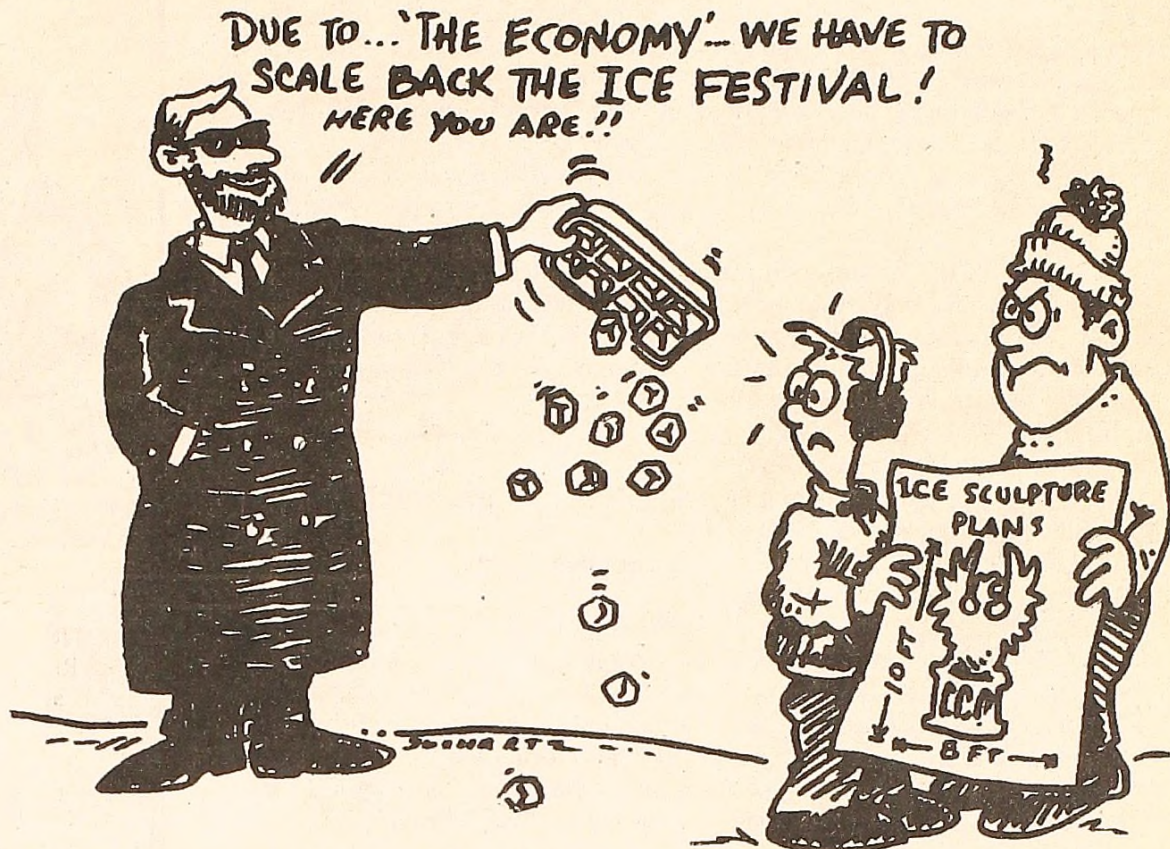
Using catchy buzzwords like services-oriented budgeting and raising questions about interdepartmental cooperation, the city administration and commission members sat down together to take a sobering look at proposed revenues and possible revenue shortfalls.

It's something that every city will have to look at when going through the budget process this year, because financial planners have forecasted an even more difficult budget year than the one governments faced last year.

In Plymouth, commissioners talked about increased cooperation between departments and neighboring municipalities like the school district to help stretch each dollar even further.

Ironically, this should be the goal of our elected leaders – to provide the best possible services at the lowest possible cost to residents. An increased era of cooperation is most likely the only way city leaders will weather the difficult financial times that everyone says are quickly approaching.

See **Budget**, page 5



## Still a really cool idea

It must be tough to try and put on an ice festival these days.

The economy is in the toilet and corporations in the Plymouth area and beyond are looking at ways to cut expenses, rather than to give to events like the ice festival, which depends largely on corporate and other business donations.

And there's always the weather to deal with. Planning an outdoor event in Michigan is always dicey. Plan that event in January and it's even more unpredictable. We've had ice festivals in sub zero temperatures and ice festivals when the temperatures have been in the 50s.

Lately the same type of thing has been heard from ice festival organizers: the budget is down because donations are down;

costs are increasing and we'll have to scale the festival back. Long-time Plymouth residents hear that, get nostalgic and remember a time when the ice festival was even bigger than it is today.

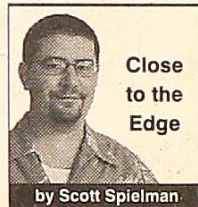
Somehow, though, before the ice chips finally begin to fly away from the chainsaw blades and ice picks carve out etched renderings from the previously symmetrical ice blocks, they've managed to put together another top-notch festival.

This year, there already is a lot going for the ice festival. The temperature looks like it'll be about right; it won't be too cold to make the sculptures brittle, too warm for them to keep their shape, and yet the air will be brisk enough to ensure a quick

viewer rotation.

It's hard to put a handle on exactly what makes the festival so popular every year. It might come down to something as simple as teamwork: merchants, city officials and event organizers working together to make the festival the biggest and the best it can be. Some store owners may gripe at the cost of having an ice sculpture placed in front of their business, and in a perfect world, they'd all be free. Of course, in a perfect world, they wouldn't get tipped over and broken, either. When it comes down to it, though, it's simply a matter of more ice translating to a better festival.

See **Cool**, page 6



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## Supremely Unacceptable Version

The battle against the favorite American vehicles took a new twist last week and put metro Detroit in a tizzy.

Arianna Huffington, a notable rich person with a word processor, used the presence of the world press corps at the North American International Auto Show to declare that driving a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) supports terrorists. The reaction in metro Detroit was exactly as expected. An attack against the auto industry, after all, is an attack on us all. For that reason, the news media chose to cover the breathless sensationalism of the claim instead of looking at the broader issues.

For the past few years, many liberals, tree-huggers, and Yugo drivers have branded the Supremely Unacceptable Vehicle as a menace to polite society. They use too much gas, the argument goes. Besides, they are too big and their owners sud-

denly believe they are driving unbreakable supermachines that defy the laws of nature, such as "Moving Things Slip On Ice." What the critics are really saying, of course, is, "I cannot afford to drive one, so no one else should drive one, either."

Now comes Ms. Huffington to tell America that this favorite gas-guzzler is a freedom-muzzler. Her rationale goes something like this: SUVs use more gasoline, which increases our dependence on oil from Middle East countries that support terrorists. Ergo, driving an SUV supports terrorists. Move over, Einstein.

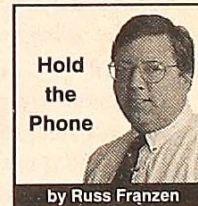
If we truly take the Huffington model to heart, all purchases of gasoline or petroleum distillates aid terrorists. To stop using them would grind our economy to a halt. Why not preserve our freedom to buy what we want and solve the terrorist funding problem by increasing domestic oil production, purchasing more oil

from our former Cold War co-stars, the Russians, and intensifying our development of alternative fuel? Too simple, I suspect.

The silliness of the anti-SUV arguments overshadows the two true safety concerns associated with them. One oft-cited hazard is that their headlights are positioned so they aim directly into the back window of any car in front of them. It is a dangerous distraction. The other problem involves window tints.

We are taught, for safety reasons, to watch the road ahead of us so we have ample time to react to potential hazards. Often, we can only view the road ahead of us through the back window of another vehicle. That makes rear window tinting, so prevalent on SUVs, a safety hazard to anyone

See **Terrorism**, page 6



Hold the Phone

by Russ Franzen

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## LETTERS

## Superintendent recognizes school trustees

To the editor;

School Board Recognition Month, in January, is celebrated by 560 local and 57 intermediate school districts in Michigan, as 4,200 elected school board members are honored by their schools and communities for untiring dedication to school governance.

The foundation of school leadership is ensuring equal learning opportunities for all students. We're proud of our district, and School Board Recognition Month is the time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected trustees.

In the Northville Public School District, school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues, which impact the entire community. They bear responsibility for an operating budget of \$50 million, 5805 students, more than 900 employees and 12 buildings. School board members make decisions that affect 1.7 million Michigan children and \$12 billion in educational expenditures. They preserve the core of our democratic and - public education.

I invite you to recognize and celebrate the work of your school trustees. Invite them out for coffee. Ask how you might help support your local neighborhood schools. Drop off cookies at January's

board meetings (Jan. 28). Write your school board members a thank you note. Let them know you appreciate what they do for kids in the Northville Public Schools.

The men and women serving Northville Public School District and their years of service are:

Judy Handley, president, 5.5 years  
Judith Wollack, vice-president, 2.5 years  
Gregory W. Pelc, secretary, 3.5 years  
Jerry Rupley, treasurer, 3.5 years  
Joan Wadsworth, trustee, 9.5 years  
Karen M. Paciorek, trustee, one half year  
Kenneth A. Roth, trustee, one half year

Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski,  
Superintendent  
Northville Public Schools

## Reader praises coverage

To the editor;

I would like to commend The Journal for the coverage of events in the Northville community. Your paper is the only one to provide information in a timely manner. Many of my friends have stated that if it were not for The Journal, they would not know what is happening in the Northville community.

Keep up the good work!

Richard E. Allen,  
Northville

## Budget - Cooperation is crucial to planning

FROM PAGE 5

City leaders throughout the state would do well to look to their surrounding school districts to help provide additional recreational resources, like those with which the city of Plymouth is experimenting. They would also do well to curtail major spending projects, like the Sheldon Road underpass project in Plymouth, a project that began two years ago when the budget forecast was a lot brighter. It may be time, as commissioners suggested, to shelve the project for good.

In the Plymouth case, commissioners are also showing that they learned the lesson of having a brainstorming and goal setting session before they begin, in earnest, planning their budget for the eventual April approval.

It only makes sense that the department heads and city manager, as well as the city commission that oversees them and sets the policies for the year, are in the planning process together. It served them well last year, and it's the only way they'll be successful in this critical budget year, and in the years to come.

## Cool - Festival warms community spirit in Plymouth

FROM PAGE 5

Members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), including new executive director, Bob Anderson, said they'd like to have more input into improving the festival. Anderson, who will be seeing the event up close and personal this week, said he intends to be an observer this year, and a participant next year.

Good for him, and good for all the con-

cerned business owners that merely want the uncounted thousands of people who head to downtown Plymouth this weekend to escape the winter doldrums, or those who just use the festival as a chance to check out the town to get a favorable impression.

After all, the town itself, from the shops and restaurants to the Penn Theater and Kellogg Park, is the best thing the ice festival has going for it.

## Terrorism - Ads are pretty scary, reactions more so

FROM PAGE 5

following them.

Tinted side windows are no better. In a parking lot, we look through the windows of the cars next to us to see if there is oncoming traffic. If a vehicle's side windows are tinted, one must back well into traffic before having a clear view. It is an invitation to a fender-bender.

I do not advocate legislating those par-

ticular safety issues, even though they make more sense than seat belt laws. Those are problems that car companies and insurance carriers can correct. Unfortunately, nothing will be done without extensive public debate. Such meaningful debate is unlikely as long as specious arguments by naysayers and media hogs are treated as credible news by reporters and editors who should know better.

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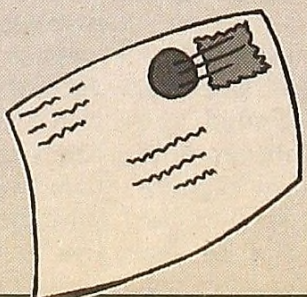
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More Obituaries

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**MIRON, Matthew**  
Mathew Miron, 90, of Belleville, died Jan. at home  
Among his survivors are his wife, Bernadette Ann (Clancy) Miron; his children, Geraldine L. Miron of Belleville, Patricia (Lloyd) Bray of Elizabeth, Ind., Barbara Bateman of Andrews, N. Car., Matthew (Helen) Miron of Belleville, Milton (Mary Ellen) Miron of Monroe,

Linda Miron of Milan, Gail (Dean) Shoyer of Wellstron, Ohio and Dale (Kathi) Miron of Ypsilanti; a sister, Mae Core of Monroe, 23 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren.  
Services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Alexander J. Sytrwal and the Rev. Jim McKinnies officiating.  
Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

**FALOR, Carrie M.**  
Carrie M. Falor, 100, of Belleville, died Jan. 12 at home.  
Among her survivors are her dear friends, Georgina Simpson and Lorna Bracken, both of Belleville and many other close friends.  
Services were at the Union-Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti with Pastor Michael Coleman officiating.  
Interment followed at the Union-Udell Cemetery.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 23, 2002 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, William Wadsworth.  
Excused: Debbie Romak  
Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
Pamela Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-457

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 9, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A.. A Study Session was scheduled for January 6, 2003, 6:30 for the purpose of discussing payment for retiree benefits for 34th District Court Judge William J. Szlinis.

02-458

3A2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to approve a new full year Class C Liquor License to County of Wayne and Helen SABA Enterprises Inc., Co-Licensee, located at Detroit Metro Airport, L.C. Smith Terminal, Main Level.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion Burcroff, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-459

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a public hearing to be held February 3, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan to discuss closing of Wabash at CSX Railroad project.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-460

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff, to grant authorization to Redstone Architects, Inc. to develop a Strategic Plan for the City of Romulus Fire Department. Funds for cost of professional services are available in the Building & Grounds, Special Project Expenses Account.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-461

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-12 to appropriate additional funds for the purchase of computer upgrades in the Dispatch center in conjunction with the laptop consortium project.

| FUND/DEPT.         |                | CURRENT   |             | AMENDED |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| ACCOUNT NO.        | ACCOUNT NAME   | BUDGET    | AMENDMENT   | BUDGET  |
| 9-1-1 Fund         |                |           |             |         |
| Expenditures       |                |           |             |         |
| 261-000.00-970.000 | Capital Outlay | 0         | 9,000       | 9,000   |
| Fund Balance       |                | Available | Appropriate | Balance |

9-1-1 Fund164,894\*9,000155,894

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-462

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-13.

| FUND/DEPT.                  |                      | CURRENT   |             | AMENDED |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| ACCOUNT NO.                 | ACCOUNT NAME         | BUDGET    | AMENDMENT   | BUDGET  |
| Narcotics forfeitures-State |                      |           |             |         |
| Expenditures                |                      |           |             |         |
| 267-000.00-970.600          | Capital Outlay-State | 99,784    | 38,000      | 137,784 |
| Fund Balance                |                      | Available | Appropriate | Balance |
| Narcotics Forfeiture-State  |                      | 206,279*  | 38,000      | 168,279 |

To appropriate additional funds for the purchase of HIE report writing licenses for 32 desktop computers and print server and software for laptop computers.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-463

5E. Motion by Wadsworth supported by Burcroff, to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-14 to appropriate additional funds for a facility needs study for an animal shelter.

| FUND/DEPT.        |                          | CURRENT |             | AMENDED |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| ACCOUNT NO.       | ACCOUNT NAME             | BUDGET  | AMENDMENT   | BUDGET  |
| Expenditures      |                          |         |             |         |
| 101-265.00-939.00 | Special Project Expenses | 50,000  | 7,700       | 57,700  |
| FUND BALANCE      | AVAILABLE                |         | APPROPRIATE | BALANCE |
| General Fund      | 589,369*                 |         | 7,700       | 581,669 |

02-464

6A 1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Property Disposition Committee request (1) to let bid on city-owned parcel number 80 030 01 0310 000. (2) approval to offer five (5) unbuildable parcels to the adjacent owners for a nominal fee:

|                    |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 80 014 03 0222 001 | 80 020 01 0057 000 | 80 020 01 0161 000 |
| 80 020 01 0258 300 | 80 067 02 0569 301 |                    |

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-465

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to authorize payment of Warrant 02-24 in the grand total amount of Eight Hundred Thirty Four Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Sixty Six Cents (\$834,456.66).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Abstain - Crova.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Wadsworth.  
Nays - Crova, Prybyla.  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

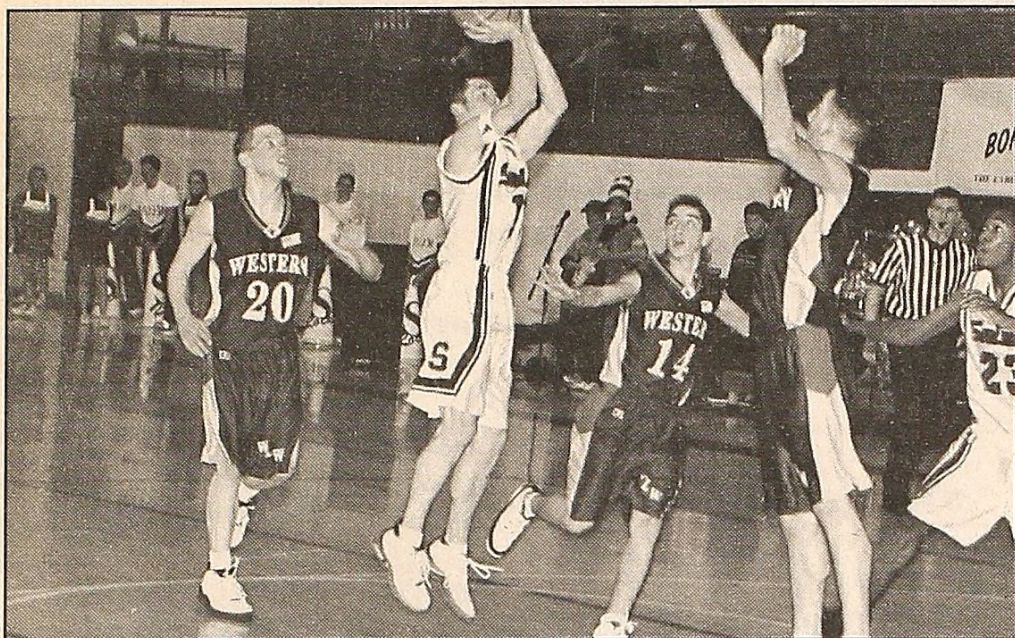
I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 23, 2002.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: January 16, 2003



# SPORTS



The Salem Rocks topped both the Walled Lake Western Warriors and the Stevenson Spartans last week. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

## Rocks win 2 straight games

Scott Spielman  
Editor

The Salem Rocks men's basketball team used the home court to their best advantage last week when they topped the Stevenson Spartans and the Walled Lake Western Warriors.

Last Tuesday, the Spartans came to town to fall to the Rocks, 65-53. The game was close through the first two quarters and Salem put it away late, according to Coach Bob Brodie.

The Rocks went out to a 17-11 lead in the first, but the Spartans had nipped that to a single point by half time.

A 13-9 run in the third quarter helped Salem and they put 24 points on the board in the fourth to seal the victory.

"We led from wire to wire, but we really exploded in the fourth," said Brodie.

Dave Hoskins led Salem with 23 points in the win. Brad Clark put up 10 points and Brady Crosby showed excellent concentration—he had 18 steals on the night.

"We just played great defense in the second half," said Brodie. "We really upped our intensity and that put them on their heels."

See Salem, page 12

## Vikings still unbeaten on the court

The Inkster Vikings mens' basketball team is on a roll. The Vikings topped two league teams last week to improve their record to 3-0 in the Mega White.

The Vikings topped Highland Park and Dearborn Heights Robichaud, according to Inkster Coach Steve Brooks.

Last Tuesday, the Polar Bears of Highland Park came to town and limped away after the Vikings topped them, 61-44.

The Vikings scored the first 10 points of the game before the Polar Bears got going. They scored the next six, but that was as many points as they got in the first quarter.

"We looked a little lethargic at times, but we got back on track," said Brooks.

The Vikings led from start to finish, he said. They led 14-6 after the first, 31-22 at

half time and 46-32 at the end of the third.

Duane Jones led them in the victory. He scored 24 points. Vic DeMorris put up 14 and Brandon Dawson had 10.

They followed that up with a convincing victory Friday night at Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 71-48.

The Vikings were strong on all sides of the ball against the Bulldogs. They took a 15-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back. By halftime, they were up 33-15. At the end of the third, that lead had ballooned to 51-24.

The Bulldogs made an attempt at a comeback in the fourth quarter with a 20-point performance that nearly matched their total for the first three quarters com-

See Vikings, page 12

### CITY OF WAYNE

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2003-01 ABSTRACT JANUARY 7, 2003

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present. Approved minutes of Special & Regular meetings of December 17, 2002. Presented resolution to State Rep. Jim A. Plakas and awards to 2002 Employee Suggestion & Award Board winners. APPROVED: site plan #2002-22, Reighard Graphics, 3445 Filbert St.; bid award for design & architectural services at Public Housing units; second reading & adoption of rezoning of City-owned vacant land located on the north side of Van Born Rd. from B-2 to R-3; readoption of resolution in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; three-year agreement with Wayne-Westland Community Schools to provide a high school Liaison Officer; Consent to Assignment agreement between Waste Management of Mich., Inc., Ameresco Woodland Meadows Romulus, L.L.C. and the City regarding gas transmission lines in the City's right-of-way; resolution in support of an application for a Title V Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Grant; emergency repairs to Aerial Fire Truck 202; contract with Law Auto Sales to provide a Red Wing Alumni hockey game at Winterfest. Received and Filed Communications & Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Mary E. Carney  
City Clerk

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### CITY OF INKSTER

#### WAYNE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 797

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE CODE AS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF VEHICLES OPERATED UPON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF THE CITY OR ANY OTHER PLACE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR GENERALLY ACCESSIBLE TO MOTOR VEHICLES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE OPERATORS OF SUCH VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF SUCH HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND PLACES WITHIN THE CITY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE, TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF TFHS ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTY OF ORDINANCES, INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

The CITY OF INKSTER ordains:

##### Section 1.

The Michigan Motor Vehicle Code. Public Act 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended is hereby adopted by reference.

##### Section 2.

References in the Motor Vehicle Code to local unit of government shall mean the City of Inkster. References to the Motor Vehicle Code to local authorities shall mean the City Council of the City of Inkster.

##### Section 3.

Any provision in this Ordinance which describes any act or omission as constituting a civil infraction as defined in the Motor Vehicle Code, shall be processed as a civil infraction. Any person found to have committed a civil infraction may be ordered to pay a civil fine and costs in accordance with the provisions and terms of the Motor Vehicle Code.

##### Section 4.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance which describes any act or omission as constituting a misdemeanor as defined in the Motor Vehicle Code, shall be processed as a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 and the costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment for not more than 93 days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

##### Section 5.

In the event that the Motor Vehicle Code shall provide a penalty or sentence for a violation thereof that exceeds the maximum allowable penalty or sentence that a city may impose, the penalty or sentence imposed for a violation shall not thereby be invalid or void, but said penalty or sentence shall only be enforceable up to the maximum penalty or sentence a city is allowed to impose by law.

##### Section 6 - Savings

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing and acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they are commenced.

##### Section 7 - Balance

The balance of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

##### Section 8 - Validity

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

##### Section 9 - Conflicts

All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

##### Section 10 - Effective Date

The City Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and the fact that a complete copy of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code is available in the Office of the City Clerk for inspection at all reasonable times. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Kimberly Turner  
City Clerk  
Inkster, Michigan

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# Chiefs regroup at tournament

The Canton Chiefs' wrestling squad fell short Thursday against Wayne Memorial High School, but they followed that with a strong showing at two tournaments on Saturday.

Thursday, they hosted the Wayne Memorial Zebras in a dual meet and lost to them 58-18.

"In dual meets, we're not competitive yet," said Canton Coach Casey Randolph. "We are getting better though. The kids are working hard."

The Chiefs had strong performances from heavy weight Dave Kersten, who pinned his opponent.

Corey Breitmeyer (119) won by a fall as did Rob Schnettler (125).

Ryan Webb lost a close match, according to Randolph.

"It was an awesome match," he said. "We wound up on the short end of the stick, but it was a fun match to watch."

Steve Hosey dropped a close one to Wayne's Paul Cavanaugh, 5-6.

Saturday, the Chiefs sent five wrestlers to the Catholic Central tournament and placed three of them, according to Randolph.

Dan Bergsma (130), finished in fifth place and made it to the quarter finals.

"He should've been in there," Randolph said. "He lost a tough match but then dominated from there on out."

Schnettler finished in fourth place, as

did Webb. Hosey had a good day, too. He squared off against Nick Rodriguez, a returning state qualifier, and wrestled him tough. He ended up losing that match, which eliminated him from placing, but he won his next round. Tim Larsen (171) went 1-2 on the day.

The Chiefs sent another small squad to the Lake Central tournament, according to Randolph.

"I thought it was a junior varsity tournament, but when they got there they found out it was a varsity tournament," Randolph said. "Fortunately, most of my junior varsity wrestlers have some varsity experience."

Pete Bonneau (125) led the Chiefs in that effort with a forth place finish on the day. Konrad Konsitzke (135) went 2-2 on the day, as did Adam Pitt.

"They wrestled hard, they wrestled well," said Randolph. "We actually beat some teams with points."

Randolph said he was pleased with the performance, considering that the bulk of his starters didn't have any wrestling experience before this year.

"The (Catholic Central) meet was one of the best tournaments in the state," he said. "We're not at that level yet, but hopefully by next year we will be."

Canton travels to Walled Lake Central tonight and to the Ypsilanti Lincoln tournament on Saturday.

# Canton suffers through tough week

It was a rough week for the Canton Chiefs boys' basketball squad. The Chiefs dropped both of their games, according to Canton Coach Jeremy Rheault.

Tuesday the Chiefs hosted a hot Novi team and fell to the Wildcats 57-70.

"We had some defensive breakdowns and we didn't execute very well," said Rheault. "They're a good team. A very good team."

The Chiefs also took a hard hit when they lost one of their starters for the rest of the season with a lacerated spleen.

"We're readjusting to that," Rheault said.

D. J. Bridges scored 20 points for the Chiefs. Andy Cortelini, Travis McKinney and Steve Thornton each had eight points in the loss.

For the Wildcats it was Matt Emmenecker and Chris Louis who led Novi in scoring; each had 22.

The Chiefs didn't fare much better against Walled Lake Central, either, Rheault said.

The defense put up a good effort, but it was enough as the Vikings topped the Chiefs, 37-58.

"We defended well, we just couldn't execute," Rheault said.

D. J. Bridges and Devin Thomas each scored 11 on the night.

The Chiefs were victimized by 30 turnovers in the loss. They were also out-rebounded 33-22.

"We didn't come out with much energy," Rheault said.

In fact, the Chiefs were kept scoreless in the first quarter and didn't put their first points on the board until five minutes into the second quarter.

"It's pretty tough to come back from something like that," Rheault said.

The Chiefs are 2-5 overall.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Van Buren Township, in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, will be holding public hearings in order to receive comment and suggestions from residents on the possible use of the Township's 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant funds. The estimated funding level for the 2003-2004 CDBG Budget year is \$153,000.

The CDBG program gives priority to those qualified activities which further national objectives. These objectives are:

- To assist low and moderate-income persons
- To address slum or blight conditions
- To meet a particularly urgent community development need

Some past projects in Van Buren Township have included: removal of ADA barriers in public facilities, purchase of fire equipment, senior citizen programs, ADA playground equipment, planning and design of community areas, demolition of unsafe structures, housing rehabilitation, and administration.

A Public Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at the Van Buren Township Hall located at 46425 Tyler Road. Written and verbal comments will be received and taken into consideration. The deadline for input from residents via letter or telephone for possible projects is Friday, February 7, 2003. The Township Board will recommend eligible projects to Housing and Urban Development for funding and approval.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF LETTING BID NUMBER 02/03-52 CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Sealed Bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 until 2:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time on February 14, 2003. Bids will be opened at 2:15 p.m. on February 14, 2003 in the City of Romulus Community Room. (Lower level).

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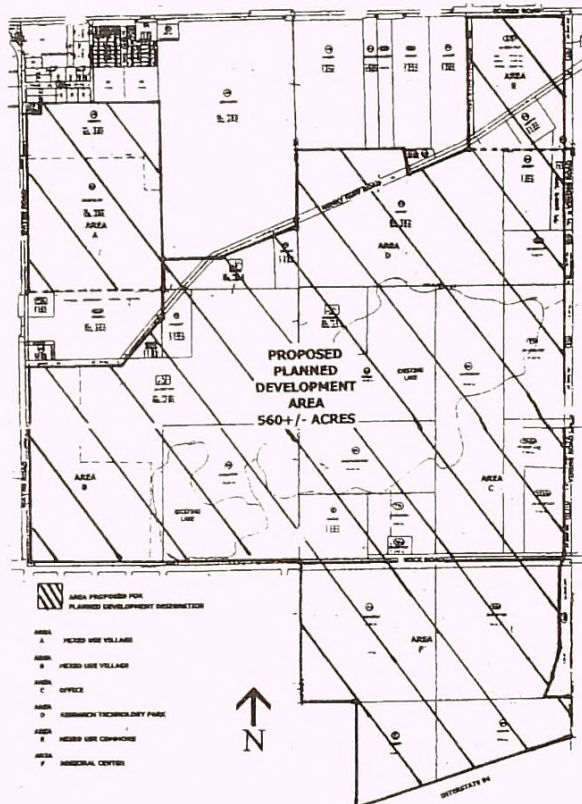
BID PACKETS may be picked up at the City of Romulus Assessor's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus

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## CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 192 1, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2003, for the purpose of considering the proposed Metro World Centre Planned Development Area. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a proposal for the designation of approximately 556+- acres located on the west side of Vining Road between 1-94 and Ecorse Roads, as Planned Development Area. Approximately 32.61 acres will be designated as office, 76.72 acres will be designated as Mixed Use Village, 24.73 acres will be designated as Mixed Use Commons, 197.67 acres will be designated as Research Technology Park and 100.55 acres will be designated as Regional Center. The proposal also includes roads, storm water drainage, open space and sidewalk improvements. The current zoning of all the property is, RC, Regional Center District. If the proposed development is approved, the zoning designation of the subject property will be changed to "PDA, Planned Development Area." DP#'s 82-80-033-99-0001-700, 82-80-033-99-0002-000, 82-80-033-99-0003-700, 82-80-033-99-0004-000, 82-80-03399-0005-000, 82-80-033-99-0006-703, 82-80-033-99-0012-000, 82-80-034-99-0004-000, 82-80-034-99-0005-701, 82-80-034-99-0006-000, 82-80-034-99-0007-000, 82-80-03599-0003-000, 82-80-035-99-0006-701, 82-80-035-99-0007-000, 82-80-036-99-0001-000, 82-80-036-99-0002-000, 82-80-036-99-0003-701, 82-90-036-99-0004-701, 82-80-03699-0005-701, 82-80-036-99-0006-700, 82-80-036-99-0007-704, 82-80-036-99-0007-707, 82-80-061-99-0001-703, 82-80-061-99-0002-000, 82-80-061-99-0003-701, 82-80-06199-0004-000.



Copies of the application and conceptual preliminary site plan are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 6, 2003, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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# John Glenn stops Northville in crossover

The Northville Mustangs met their match Friday night when they traveled to John Glenn for a crossover game.

The Mustangs were 7-0 going into the contest but the Rockets stopped that streak and took a 46-38 victory.

"They're a very good team, no doubt about it," said Northville Coach Darrel Schumacher.

The Mustangs dug themselves an early hole and couldn't climb out of it. They only put up five points in the first quarter, while the Rockets got off 13. The Mustangs slowly edged back into

the game, though. They outscored Glenn 9-7 in the second quarter to trim the lead to 20-14 at half time.

In the third quarter, they really poured it on, putting up 15 points and allowing only 10. When the fourth quarter started, Northville was only down by a point, 29-30.

The two teams continued to scrap in the fourth quarter, and Northville even took the lead with about four minutes to go.

"If we could've strengthened it, who knows what could have happened," said Schumacher.

The Mustangs couldn't hold on to the lead, though.

"I see a lot of positives," Schumacher said. "It shows that we can play with the good teams."

Northville was victimized by 22 turnovers, according to Schumacher. They were only 10-for-20 from the line, too.

Roger Garfield and Scott McNeish led the Mustangs with 12 points. Adam Konst put up nine points in the loss. Eight of those came from the free throw line, where he was eight-for-12.

Last Tuesday, the Mustangs were triumphant over the

Churchill Chargers, 55-31. The Mustangs lead from start to finish in that game, according to Schumacher, thanks to a balanced scoring effort. McNeish led the team with 10 points, Konst put up nine and Chris Jacobs contributed eight.

The Mustangs battled their cross town rivals, the Novi Wild Tuesday night, but the outcome of that game wasn't known at press time. Schumacher said he expected a tough contest from the team, which also only has a single loss on the season.

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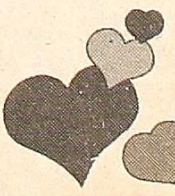
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# Salem - Rocks start weak, finish strong

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Salem followed up that victory with another Friday night over visiting Walled Lake Western, 53-47.

The Warriors jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter. Their defense kept the Rocks to only five points, while they put 13 on the board to hush the home crowd.

"We didn't come out with very much intensity," Brodie said. "Most of the first half was lackadaisical."

In fact Brodie was so upset with the lackluster play in the first quarter that he yanked all 12 starters.

The Rocks were down, 19-26 at halftime and Brodie said he again challenged his squad to wake up.

This time, they responded and put up 21 points in the third quarter. The defense held the Warriors to 21 points for the rest of the game and a fourth quarter rally propelled the Rocks to victory.

"I was trying to find the right combination that would give me some intensity," Brodie said.

The game ended up as a well-balanced scoring attack for the Rocks. Hoskins led them with 19 points. Stevland Davis contributed



The Rocks survived a shaky start Friday evening when the Vikings of Walled Lake came to town. The Rocks are now 2-1 in the Western Lakes.

11 points and Dominique Washington had 10.

The Rocks are 7-2 overall, and 2-1 in the league. Their only game this week

is tomorrow, when they host Walled Lake Central in another league game.

"That'll be a challenge," Brodie said.



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The Plymouth Whalers have won three straight games and transformed the confines of Compuware Sports Arena into a place where minor league hockey teams come to lose. Their next home game is tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

# Vikings - Inkster tops leagues foes, again

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bined, but the Vikings put up 22 points to seal the win.

"We had some of our younger players in at that point," Brooks said.

Jones led the team with 26 points, and added 13 rebounds and seven steals. DeMorris had 20 points and six assists. Lamont Park contributed 10 points and

had five steals in the win.

The Vikings are 7-0 on the year. They hosted a tough Dearborn team Tuesday night, but the outcome of that game wasn't known at press time.

"That'll be a good, tough game," Brooks said.

Inkster travels to Taylor Kennedy tomorrow and Dearborn Fordson on Tuesday.

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